

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

WILLIAMS, JR. ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 2416

Application No. 10/706,704

Examiner: JUNG, Min

Confirmation No. 8581

Filing Date: November 12, 2003

For: Using Ordered Locking Mechanisms  
to Maintain Sequences of Items such  
as Packets

**AMENDMENT B**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The Office action December 19, 2008, has been fully considered. In response, please enter the amendments and consider the remarks presented herein. Reconsideration and/or further prosecution of the application is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 14 of this paper.